

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel and Vice President Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners’ Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Commissioner KD Benson was absent.)

President Knochel called the meeting to order.

**AWARD AMBULANCE BID: Ambulance Service Director Scott Wood**

For the record, Attorney Luhman explained that when the bids were opened on February 21, 2006, the bid from Taylor Made Ambulances did not include a Bid Bond or Form 95. Later in the day, it was found that Fed Ex delivered the Bid Bond to the County’s Mailroom at 9:56 A.M. but it was not delivered to the Commissioners’ Meeting for the bid opening. Since the deadline for bids was 10:00 A.M., the Bid Bond was timely received.

Mr. Wood explained the trade-in bid for Wheeled Coach was only stated as trade on 1 by 1 basis due to receiving Addendum 2 too late to examine the trade-ins for specific trade values. After the meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the representative inspected the trade-ins and provided the following values:

1998 AEV	\$8,800
1998 AEV	\$8,900
1998 AEV	\$5,500

Attorney Luhman stated these values cannot be considered in the bid since other trade-in values were announced during the bid opening which could give Wheeled Coach an unfair advantage.

Mr. Wood recommended awarding the bid to Life Star/Braun for three (3) 2006 demo units with immediate delivery and lettering included for the following amount:

3 - 2006 demo units	\$337,495
Trade	<u>-\$28,500</u>
Total	\$308,995

All three units are alike and carry the 3 year/36,000 mile warranty. Following delivery and radio installation, they should be on the road in the next two weeks.

Attorney Luhman asked if Life Star’s bid was the lowest for 3 demo units. Mr. Wood responded that RSVP’s (Roland Specialty Vehicles) bid (2006, 2005, and 2003) was lower but the 2003 unit would be out of warranty by the time Tippecanoe County took title. Taylor Made and Med Tech made no demo offer. He said Wheeled Coach bid two (2) options on stock units with a 30 day delivery and an electrical package that was proposed but not required which would extend the delivery time. They did not bid on demo units.

Attorney Luhman asked if age and mileage were in the specifications. Mr. Wood said the original specs called for low to no mileage. He noted that Alternates 3 and 4 referred to new vehicles or low mileage demos.

Reviewing the RSVP bid, Attorney Luhman stated that warranty is not applicable to all units in the bid because one unit is a 2003. No trade-in price was specified. The RSVP bid prices were:

1 <sup>st</sup> demo	\$88,901
2 <sup>nd</sup> demo	\$95,076
3 <sup>rd</sup> demo	\$96,249

Although the Life Star bid is higher, it meets the warranty specifications. Mr. Wood pointed out it will also have an expedited delivery.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the Life Star/Braun Ambulance Bid in the amount of \$308,995, after trade-in, for three (3) demo units, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

**CONTRACT ADDENDUM: Miami Systems: Treasurer Oneta Tolle**

Mrs. Tolle presented for approval an addendum to the 2005/2006 Tax Bill Contract Agreement with Miami Systems to provide the option for adding ACS (Address Change Service) Key Line for USPS Electronic Address Forwarding Information. This will lower the cost from \$0.75 per manual notification to \$0.21 per electronic notification for address updates.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Contract Addendum with Miami Systems, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

**AMBULANCE BIDS resumed**

Mr. Wood corrected the year of the three (3) demos from 2006 to 2005 in the Life Star/Braun bid. He said all three will still be under warranty.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Shedd announced Area Plan is holding a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, March 2, 2006 in the Tippecanoe Room regarding the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

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John L. Knochel, President

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**ATTEST:**

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KD Benson, Member

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Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor